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| For: | REDUNDANT SEAL DESIGN FOR COMPOSITE RISERS WITH METAL LINERS | § | Confirmation No.: 9922 |

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Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated March 31, 2003, and in reply submits the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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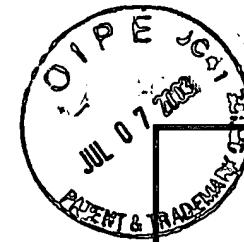
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| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 1001 750 | 2001 375 | Utility filing Fee | \$ |
| 1002 330 | 2002 165 | Design filing fee | \$ |
| 1003 520 | 2003 260 | Plant filing fee | \$ |
| 1004 750 | 2004 375 | Reissue filing fee | \$ |
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SUBTOTAL (1) \$**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

| | | | Fee from |
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| Total Claims | Extra Claims 31 - 22 = 9 x | below - 3 = x | Fee Paid \$ 108.00 = \$ |
| Independent Claims | | | |
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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 84 | 2201 42 | Independent Claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 280 | 2203 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 84 | 2204 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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| 1051 130 | 2051 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath |
| 1052 50 | 2052 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet |
| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination |
| 18042 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action |
| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month |
| 1252 410 | 2252 205 | Extension for reply within second month |
| 1253 930 | 2253 465 | Extension for reply within third month |
| 1254 1,450 | 2254 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month |
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| 1401 320 | 2401 160 | Notice of Appeal |
| 1402 320 | 2402 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal |
| 1403 280 | 2403 140 | Request for oral hearing |
| 1451 1,510 | 1452 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding |
| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable |
| 1453 1,300 | 2453 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional |
| 1501 1,300 | 2501 650 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) |
| 1502 470 | 2502 235 | Design issue fee |
| 1503 630 | 2503 315 | Plant issue fee |
| 1460 130 | 1460 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner |
| 1807 50 | 1806 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g) |
| 123 50 | 123 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications |
| 1806 180 | 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt |
| 8021 40 | 8021 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
| 1809 750 | 2809 375 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) |
| 1810 750 | 2810 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) |
| 1801 750 | 2801 375 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) |
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